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SUBJECT: REACTION TO SECRETARY'S BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW

1. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S INTERVIEW WITH BUSINESS WEEK

SUGGESTING "HYPOTHETICAL" POSSIBILITY OF USING MILITARY FORCE IN OIL EMERGENCY HAS BEEN REPORTED BY MOST NIGERIAN PAPERS, BUT HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF ONLY ONE CRITICAL EDITORIAL.

2. IN JANUARY 6 FRONT-PAGE COMMENT, WEEKLY TIMES

INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNED SECRETARY'S "INDISCRETE REMARK" (SIC)

AS "NAKED THREAT" AND "GUN-BOAT DIPLOMACY". EDITORIAL EXPRESS CONCERN THAT RECESSION AND GROWING UNEMPLOYMENT MAY BE BRINGING US UNCOMFORTABLY CLOSE TO "HYPOTHETICAL SITUATION" IN WHICH USE OF FORCE WOULD BE CONSIDERED. EDITORIAL ALSO REFERS TO IEG AS US CREATION DESIGNED "TO PREPARE WAY FOR POSSIBLE MILITARY OPTION", GIVING UNCLASSIFIED

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CREDIT TO FRANCE FOR HAVING "ABORTED" THIS ENERGY GROUPING.

EDITORIAL CONCLUDES WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT US GIVE UP
"TRYING TO SEND CHILL DOWN SPINE OF THIRD WORLD" AND TURN
TO PERSUASION AS MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING SUGGESTED PETRODOLLAR
RECYCLING MECHANISM.
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